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## SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE BUFFALO HOLOCAUST.

The Actual Number of Dead Unknown, but Believed to be Less Than at First Reported—List of the Dead and Injured, So Far as Learned—Graphic Descriptions.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 21.—Little can be added to that already known of the result of the disastrous Richmond hotel fire. To the question of "How many are killed?" only an indefinite reply can be made. The number actually known to be dead and missing is nine, but ten more of the survivors now lodged at the hospitals and at their homes must be looked upon as precarious, and time only will decide whether they are to be numbered with the living or the dead.

The surviving victims, whose names follow in the hospital list, are more or less prostrated by the shock of the disaster, from which some will rally who have vigorous constitutions. But could one see the sufferers swathed in lint and cotton bandages, moaning with the intense agony of their scorched and calcined flesh, he would number the horrors of the fire at a greater total than the death list. Every one who was burned by the intense heat, if his skin was not actually licked by the flames, has suffered by exposure to the air after the burning. Before the physicians could dress the wounds they had begun to swell and blister, and in all cases suppuration is feared while in many it is inevitable. Some will lose the flesh from their hands and feet, and amputation will be unavoidable. If pyemia does not ensue it will be miraculous.

The critical condition of many victims is therefore alarming and despite the most careful nursing and painstaking surgical attendance several of the hospital patients, it is feared, will die. At present writing it is impossible to gauge the fatality of the holocaust, but if no more than twenty it can be hardly less than twelve.

The following are the known dead: Wilson Purcell, a resident broker, formerly with R. G. Dun & Company, was killed by jumping; belongs in Canada. Kate Wolfe, a servant at the Richmond, was found in the ruins of the frame structure destroyed.

Henry B. Runney, of New York, died at 1:40 o'clock at the Fifth Avenue hospital. He was terribly burned, his body being blistered from head to foot. He would have escaped with slight injuries had he not gone back to save little Jennie Mann.

The list of missing, who are believed to have perished are as follows:

Mark B. Osborne, day clerk at the Richmond. He is supposed to have perished while trying to save the other employees who slept on the upper floors.

Katie Kent, a servant. Mary Welch, a servant. Her cousin, now at the general hospital, says she saw Mary jump, and that was all.

J. B. Becker, a Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad official, of Scranton. He was expected to arrive in this city on Thursday. Mail was received for him at the Richmond, where he was to stop. It is not known whether he registered there or not. A telegram to his home at Scranton elicited the information that he was not there. He may possibly have not reached the city. Otherwise he cannot be accounted for.

Minnie Kelly, a servant. Inquiries at different places in the city have been made in regard to her, but without avail. She probably is lost.

Mr. Johnson, of Toronto, a railroad man, was reported as missing, but his name was removed from the list, as there was some doubt of his being in the hotel. It is now believed he was there.

Joseph Sayre, of Erie, Pa.; J. C. Pratt, of Albany. The last named was known to have been at the Richmond, and has not been heard from since the fire.

The following are those at the hospitals and their condition:

At the Sisters hospital: Mary Nolan, servant, badly burned about face, feet, hands and one leg and a portion of the other, and hair burned to scalp. Very critical.

Maggie Mulrach, servant, face, neck and breast burned, arms scorched from shoulder to finger tips, legs burned from knees to soles of feet. A serious case.

Fanny Harvey, a servant, burned about face, hands and feet. Not serious as others, but very painful.

G. F. Michaels, commercial traveler for wholesale furniture house in New York. Ankle sprained and bad contusion of back, caused by fall. Not serious.

At the general hospital are: Nellie Welch, servant, burned about face and hands, not serious.

Minnie Neller, servant, burned face and hands, not serious.

Mrs. Kate Price, servant, most badly burned of the three. Condition serious.

Clinton Bidwell, resident agent for the Dupont Powder company, regular boarder at hotel. Quite seriously burned about face, neck, hands and arms; badly prostrated by shock. Considered serious.

Matthew Shannon, house-man at the Richmond, hands badly burned; also face and head slightly, not serious.

Pitch Accident hospital: Frederick K. Moore, of Cleveland, severely burned about face, hands and feet. Serious.

William A. Haven, of Helena, Mont., chief engineer of the Northern Pacific, burned about face, hands and feet, and suffering from shock. Serious.

Edwin A. Finch, of Scranton, Pa., suffering from painful burns about feet, hands and face.

C. M. Dubois, general agent of Commercial Insurance company, of Syracuse, severely burned over almost whole body, and he is in a critical condition.

Jacob Kahn, of Kahn & Son, wholesale dry goods merchants of New York, spine fractured by fall, also burned about the extremities. Will probably die. His wife has been sent for.

Mary Witt, Mrs. Stafford's maid, painfully burned on arm and face, but not serious.

Emergency hospital: Barry Davis, corner of Canal and Green streets, New York, seriously burned. Will lose one foot, if not his life.

Edward Whelan, traveling salesman, of Newburgh, N. Y., badly bruised by fall, fingers burned off and feet and ankles

burned to bone. His life hangs by a thread. H. B. Smith, insurance adjuster, Syracuse, painfully burned on legs, feet and hands.

William J. Mackay, insurance agent of Niagara Falls, injured by fall, not serious.

The following were taken home: Mary Connors, servant, severely bruised by a fall and badly burned. Serious.

Mrs. W. J. Mann, wife of one of the proprietors, severely burned.

F. H. Woods, of Chicago, badly singed about the face, left for home yesterday.

C. L. Boggs, of New York, is badly burned.

M. Dahlman, of Rochester, is probably fatally injured.

A. Merriam, resident boarder, a broker, seriously burned on the face and head.

Mr. E. N. Wimpiner and wife, of New York, had a narrow escape. Said he: "My wife woke me up, heaving heard the alarm bell, and asked what it meant. It didn't take long to find out. Soon we heard the shrieking cries of fire, and springing out of bed we rushed down stairs to the parlor floor. The main stairway was in flames, and we fled into a room fronting on Main street. Fortunately it had a balcony window, and we climbed out on it. I decided to jump, and taking my wife in my arms, I did so. We were only slightly bruised by the fall. I had on only my trousers and night clothes. I lost \$500, and my wife lost some valuable diamonds." They were cared for at the Mansion house.

Mr. J. M. Van Norman, photographer, living in the wooden building on Main street, said that his family would have been burned up but for the fire alarm arousing them. A man jumped on his roof and entered his room. Soon another man jumped. They were considerably injured, one being unable to walk. They were let out of the front door. "I am positive," said Mr. Van Norman, "that I saw at least three people go through the skylight in the rear of my rooms who never stirred afterward. The bodies will be found in the ruins."

Another missing man is — Benedict, brother of Hiram Benedict, of the Buffalo Lubricating Oil company. He arrived here Thursday night and intended stopping at the Richmond. It is thought he came in late and was given a room in the upper story and perished in the flames. A friend here wired Benedict's family but they had heard nothing of his whereabouts. A message received from Lookport says his family have given him up for lost.

Mr. Robert H. Stafford, the senior proprietor of the hotel, gives the following account of the origin and progress of the fire, as related to him by his employees. Said he: "As to the origin of the fire, all I can give is from my night man; that is, that the fire started in the cloak-room. There were two pails of water on a shelf on each floor of the elevators, which they used on the fire at the start, but it did not have the effect of putting it out. There was attached one hundred feet of hose. The statement that the water would not run is erroneous. The hose would throw water fifty feet above the building. The fire was so near the elevator that it was impossible to use one hundred feet of hose without getting kinks in it, and it was those kinks, in my opinion, that prevented the flow of water, for when night-clerk Alpert found that the hose would not work, he pulled the fire alarm system of bells which connected with every room in the house. He then rang in alarm to headquarters. While the fire was progressing, guests were making their escape, and many came down the stairways. We supposed we had the most perfect arrangement in the case of fire, and I think that the Richmond was as safe as any hotel not built fire-proof."

Mr. Stafford strongly condemned the net work of wires that surrounded the hotel which he says prevented the ladders from saving a great many from the windows, who were otherwise forced to flee through the flames.

The Evening News says: "The story of ruin and desolation needs only the later details to make the thrilling chapter complete. Eight persons were killed. Twenty-five were seriously injured. Fifteen were slightly hurt. The ruins have not at this writing been searched. What hidden stories of additional misery and loss of life those piles of smoking debris will reveal no human intelligence can foresee. The shaky walls will be thrown down as soon as possible and then the search will begin."

Mr. Louis Zundman, of 29 Lispenard street, New York, one of the survivors, states that when he left his room there were seven persons in it, and all he saw escape was one man and one woman. It is his belief that the others lost their lives. The body of Henry B. Runney, of New York, who died at the hospital this morning, was given in charge of his brother-in-law, E. C. Edgerton, of Port Wayne, Ind., and a friend, Edwin Mead, Jr., of New York. The deceased was forty-seven years of age and connected with the United States navy. His wife and daughter reside at Fort Wayne, Ind., where the remains will be taken. He has a son in the United States navy.

The police are investigating the startling report of a fiendish attempt to burn the Williams block at Virginia and Oak streets, occupied by a dozen different families. It now appears that one of the occupants sent her daughter into the cellar to get a pail of coal oil to burn the place. On the way the child noticed the smell of smoke, and proceeding to the coal bin, found a pile of kindling wood, partly saturated with kerosene, blazing rather briskly among the coals. She, with other children who accompanied her, succeeded in putting out the fire, burning their hands quite severely in doing so. The material had apparently been arranged and set on fire by an incendiary who could only have committed the deed a few moments before the discovery. There are other rumors of similar incendiary attempts but so far have not been traced to reliable sources.

About a dozen now are at work searching among the hotel ruins for bodies, but none have been found since that supposed to be Osborne. Additional men will be put to work.

The last body found in the ruins was taken from the site occupied by Ulrich & Kingsley's store, about twenty-five feet from the front. The remains consisted of a blackened and charred trunk, burned past identification, the jaw being the only part of the head found. A portion of the trousers and underclothing was found by which it is hoped to identify the remains.

Little Jennie Mann, daughter of one of the hotel proprietors, is reported very low and it is feared she may not recover.

Mrs. Mann, who was severely burned, is doing well.

Mr. Arthur Perry, of Welland, Ont., has arrived in the city, looking for his brother, who has not been heard of since the fire. It is thought his remains are in the ruins.

A project is on foot here for the erection upon the site of the burned Richmond hotel and St. James hall of a fire proof hotel and a fire proof theater by a popular stock company with a capital of about \$500,000. The project appears to find favor among business men and a general meeting will be called at an early date to take action.

## LATEST FROM PANAMA.

Men Murdered to Prevent Them From Voting—Cholera Ravages—Personal.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Advices from Panama to March 9 say that according to the Sol de Abril, a Venezuelan paper, in six districts there honorable men have been murdered to prevent them from voting with the Liberal party, and making manifestations against the policy of Guzman Blanco and his party.

On December 26 the first case of cholera was reported in Chilli. On January 7 the disease was busy in Catene and Chagres and within a few days was playing havoc along the whole course of the Aconagua river. L'Ocampo, a small town, ten to twenty deaths were occurring daily, and the people became so alarmed that they finally abandoned the place.

Senor Evaristo Carizo became president of Costa Rica, February 1.

## Costly Canadian Collision.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 21.—Early this morning the Canadian Pacific express for Toronto ran into a freight train standing on the main line near Stittsville. The express crashed into the rear car of the freight, and the vitriol which the car contained was ignited. The fire spread rapidly in all directions, and ten cars of the freight, together with their contents, were consumed. The engine of the express was totally wrecked, and the consumable portions of it were burned. The fire spread to the tender and the first car of the express before a relief engine could be got to draw off the other cars. Fortunately there was no loss of life.

## Three Lives Lost.

WINFIELD, L. I., March 21.—The steamer Idlewild collided with the schooner A. W. Thompson off here this morning. The schooner was sunk and three lives were lost. The collision occurred at 10:30 o'clock. The captain of the schooner was picked up by the Idlewild with his head split completely open. The captain of the ill-fated schooner can not live. None of the names of the crew can be ascertained, as the boat that put out from here to the rescue failed to reach the Idlewild before she started for New York.

## Illinois Miners' Troubles.

PEORIA, Ill., March 21.—Last week the coal operators in the local mining district imported a colony of negroes from Grape Creek, Ill., to take the places of white striking miners. Friday the negroes in turn struck for the same advance wanted by the white men. Before doing so they got a month's supply of provisions from the operators, and are fully equipped for a long siege. The white miners are now indulging in the laugh at the expense of the operators.

## Sad Death of an Absconder's Wife.

AKRON, O., March 21.—The wife of William Weise, the wife of the prominent German of this city who absconded to Canada a few weeks ago with several hundred dollars of borrowed money and the Lutheran church funds, died to-day of grief and childbirth. Simultaneously with her death, and too late for the poor wife to know it, word came from Weise ordering the sale of his Akron home to make restitution for his defalcation and also money for his wife.

## Explosion in an Oil Works.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—An explosion took place in one of the stills at the Baltimore United Oil company's works at the corner of Second street and Second avenue, Canton, to-day. Jacob Hossman, aged fifty years, was killed outright, and Edward Rollington received fatal injuries. Two others, Peter Connors and Christopher Kurtz were dangerously hurt. They were taken to the hospital. Three or four others were slightly injured.

## May Porter a Maniac.

SANDUSKY, O., March 21.—May Porter the mother of the illegitimate child that was murdered here in December last by Jerry Fahey, of Berea, who threw the babe in the bay, is a raving maniac. She began to break down both mentally and physically while the trial of Fahey was in progress, and the day he was sentenced to the penitentiary for life she became violently insane.

## Killed on the Louisville &amp; Nashville.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 21.—Sherman Kraft, a brickman, was discovered in an unconscious condition yesterday afternoon with his head badly mashed and his arm under a wheel of a freight car at the end of the Louisville & Nashville tracks at the foot of Fifth avenue. It is supposed that while asleep the car slipped down upon him. He is still alive but cannot recover.

THE N. Y. P. & O. Brakemen Will Return. YOUNGSTOWN, March 21.—The N. Y. P. & O. brakemen held a conference to-day, and it is believed that they resolved to return to work. Many of them think the strike was ill advised. It is understood that the majority of them will be reinstated, and that trains will be running as usual inside of twenty-four hours. The strikers gave a ball that was largely attended last night.

## Praying for Rain in Texas.

ARLINGTON, Tex., March 21.—The continued drought in this section, which almost ruined the farmers in 1886, and which bids fair to finish the job in 1887, is beginning to have a marked effect upon the public. Meetings are being held at the different churches in the city to pray for rain, such meetings being held generally throughout the surrounding country.

## Seeking an Expert Opinion.

"Are you an actor?" asked a lanky looking man, addressing a Rialto habitue. "I am, sir," was the reply; "arr-o you looking for talent?" "Not exactly, but I want to ask you what kind of wood, in your opinion, makes the best railroad ties?"—New York Sun.

## WASHINGTON DISPATCHES

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF EX-SENATOR THURMAN'S MISSION.

He Claims That His Visit to the White House Was Only a Friendly Call on the President—Three of the Interstate Commissioners Appointed—Other Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The presence at the National capital of ex-Senator Thurman, and his visit to the White House caused much speculation here. A reporter, who found the judge at the Ebbitt house, was refused a formal interview, but in the course of conversation the veteran statesman said: "I have not been summoned here at all, and have come upon no political mission whatever. My coming was upon a law matter, which was easily transacted, and I leave for home at once. I called at the White House because it was the semi-centennial birthday of Mr. Cleveland. I like Mr. Cleveland. He is an honest and capable man."

When it was stated to him that pending the senate's action on the Pacific railway investigation resolution, Senator Hoar had expressed the wish that ex-Justice Strong, ex-Justice Campbell and himself should be selected as the three inquirers, he laughed heartily and said: "Why, he favors old fogies, doesn't he? Campbell is seventy-nine, Strong seventy-six, and I am the youth of the trio at seventy-five."

Incidentally he expressed the opinion that the limitation concluding the commission next December rendered even a good start at the work impossible. As to the composition of the interstate commission he knew nothing beyond what he had read in the newspapers, but presumed that Col. Morrison would be a member.

## Turkey Prohibits Silver Circulation.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary of State Bayard is in receipt of a dispatch from Mr. Pondleton King, charge d'affaires ad interim at Constantinople, dated February 18, stating that in order to give additional effect to its measure relative to the circulation of foreign silver coins in the empire, the government of Turkey will absolutely prohibit, on and after April 13, 1887, all foreign silver coins from entering any of its custom houses or postoffices. All such coins will be returned to the place whence they came, unless fraudulently entering, when they will be confiscated.

## Three of the Commissioners.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The gossip here is that the president has decided to appoint Hon. William R. Morrison, of Illinois, (Democrat); Judge Cooley, of Michigan, (Republican); and Judge Bragg, of Alabama, (Democrat), members of the interstate commerce commission. It is stated at the White House that the president will be obliged to postpone the interstate commerce appointments until next week, as he has not been able to reach final conclusions in reference to two of the commissionerships. It is his purpose to give the subject constant attention until it is finally disposed of.

## The President Needs Judge Thurman.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The Tribune's Washington special says that despite Judge Thurman's denial of the report that he had been tendered an appointment by the president, there is reason to believe that President Cleveland would be glad to obtain Judge Thurman's services in the Pacific railroad investigation and his advice as to the composition of the commission.

## Secretary Endicott Back at Work.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The secretary of war has returned to Washington from Boston and resumed his official duties at the department this morning.

## Why He Indorsed McGlynn.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Rev. Dr. Curran who made a brief speech to the Irish societies at Jones' Wood on St. Patrick's day, practically endorsing Dr. McGlynn's land theories, when asked to-day if he had been correctly reported, said: "Why should I not endorse them? They have not been condemned by the church and the holy father himself said so. None long since the pope directed Cardinal Gibbons to say for him to Dr. McGlynn that he saw nothing so far in the land theories advanced by Dr. McGlynn that was contrary to Catholic teaching. Cardinal Gibbons has communicated this expression of opinion of the holy father to Dr. McGlynn."

## New Brunswick Assignment.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 21.—It is rumored that the St. John Building society has gone under, the cause being the Maritime bank failure, with which the society had its account. The president of the society has overdrawn its account \$20,000, but that it had \$20,000 of the society's collateral as security. The society had real estate, also valued at over \$20,000 and \$58,000, and between \$90,000 and \$80,000, which could not be realized upon at once. There was ample to pay all if time were allowed.

## Bloody Work of a Drunken Corporal.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 21.—Friday at Cadereyta, Jimenez, a corporal of the second cavalry, got drunk on Marhuana, or Indian hemp, and taking his carbine and forty cartridges ambushed himself near the barracks and began potting off the soldiers and officers of his command. After a rather successful afternoon's sport, in which he bagged three men killed and five wounded, the troops, finding it impossible to capture him, managed to kill him.

## "Shaking Dice."

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—"Lem" Hineley, proprietor of the Mining exchange, and John Featherstone, a well known saloon keeper, shook dice Thursday night, and when they got through Hineley had lost all his cash and \$250 shares of Crown Point Mining stock, worth \$6,450. To-day he had Featherstone arrested in an attempt to recover his stock, but the authorities were unable to compel its return.

## Acton and the Strangler.

CHICAGO, March 21.—"Demon" Acton and "Strangler" Lewis have patched up their recent quarrels and concluded to again meet at Battery D, catch-as-catch-can, best three falls in five, three points to constitute a fall, for \$500 a side and gate receipts. The match is arranged for April 11.